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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. H10-11475, published January 16, 1998.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. H7-129637, published May 19, 1995.

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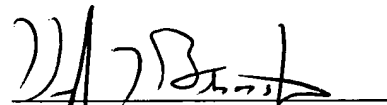
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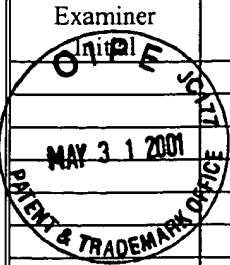
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